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China Ramps Up Air, Soil, Water Pollution Monitoring

China's environmental authorities assessed 236 million yuan (\$38 million) in daily accumulating penalties in 292 separate cases in the first half of 2015, the Ministry of Environmental Protection reported Aug. 7....

Enforcement

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California's Department of Transportation and a construction company will pay a combined \$160,000 for illegally discharging sediment, diesel fuel and other contaminants to Shasta Lake, under a pair of proposed settlements with the...

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The Environmental Protection Agency accidentally triggered a 1 million gallon release of toxic mine waste water into a tributary of the Animas River in southwest Colorado, sending an orange-tinted pulse of contaminated water, sediment...

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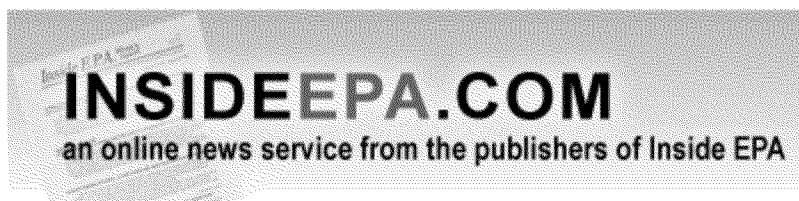
N.J. Ruling Tanks Neighbor's Oil Migration Case

A New Jersey homeowner is out of luck after the New Jersey Supreme Court rejected his tort claims stemming from a heating oil spill that migrated from a neighbor's underground tank and damaged his property (Ross v. Lowitz, 2015 BL 252147,...

Solid Waste

TVA Ordered to Address All Coal Disposal Sites

The Tennessee Valley Authority must evaluate and, if necessary, clean up all of its coal ash disposal sites in Tennessee....



Latest News

EPA Research Office Nominee Downplays GOP Attacks On Agency Science

President Obama's long-pending nominee to head EPA's Office of Research & Development (ORD) is pushing back on Republican senators' attacks on agency science, defending against concerns about potential conflicts of interest and other alleged flaws in scientific data that EPA often uses as the basis for its regulatory decisions.

Cleanup Enforcement Office Issues Checklist For EPA-Funded Removals

EPA's remediation enforcement office has issued a checklist to Superfund regional offices aimed at making more uniform regional enforcement packages supporting high-dollar removal actions paid for by the Superfund trust fund.

EPA Addresses Nicotine Questions Ahead Of Waste Pharmaceuticals Rule

Ahead of EPA's long-awaited waste pharmaceuticals rule, the agency has released correspondence signaling its views on when nicotine-containing products are considered hazardous waste, an issue of concern for the pharmaceutical and retail industries.

News Briefs

Senate Bill Would Allow New State Limits On Interstate Waste

Pennsylvania Sen. Robert P. Casey Jr. (D) is pushing legislation that would allow states to set stricter requirements when importing interstate waste from other states and increase fees on out-of-state waste when it does cross state lines.

Greenwire

EPA:

Former spokeswoman head to Apple, Clinton camp

Robin Bravender, E&E reporter

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Two former U.S. EPA spokeswoman are leaving the Obama administration for new gigs with Apple and Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign.

Alisha Johnson, who has been a spokeswoman for EPA and the State Department, is leaving the administration for "an opportunity in the private sector," she said in an email yesterday.

PEOPLE

Johnson will be heading to Apple Inc.'s headquarters in Cupertino, Calif., where she'll be working with her former boss, ex-EPA chief Lisa Jackson, a source told *Greenwire*.

Since leaving EPA last year, Johnson has been the point person for communications on climate change issues and the contentious Keystone XL pipeline project. She worked in EPA's press shop from 2010 until 2014 (*Greenwire*, Sept. 12, 2014).

Another EPA communications veteran, Betsaida Alcantara, will be starting next month as director of media planning for Clinton's campaign.

Alcantara's most recent administration gig was as a senior communications adviser to Housing and Urban Development Secretary Julián Castro. She was also communications director at the General Services Administration from 2012 until 2014 and worked in EPA's press office from 2009 until 2012.

FEDERAL WORKFORCE:

2 GSA employees wield vast power over office temperatures

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Two men who work at the General Services Administration wield power over thermostats in thousands of federal buildings.

Amid recent debate over how office thermostats are set -- and whether temperatures were determined under an outdated formula deemed comfortable for men without considering women's preferences -- Kevin Kampschroer and Steve Sakach say they have been listening closely.

Sakach, GSA's head of facilities management, compared the debate to popular films.

"What I thought of as soon as I heard this was, this is 'When Harry Froze Sally,'" he said. "But that's not quite the movie we're playing. It's really, 'It's Complicated.'"

Sakach said with the average federal building 47 years old, adjusting the air conditioning at these facilities is not easy.

That means that federal buildings operate air conditioning in 5-degree ranges with regional adjustments to account for varying climates.

Still, 60 percent of federal employees said they were satisfied with the temperature at their office, according to a GSA survey -- but Sakach and Kampschroer say they're hopeful this will change.

"Give us a chance," Sakach said. "There are things we can do" (Lisa Rein, *Washington Post*, Aug. 7). –
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SOLID WASTE:

Calif. lags on garbage goals

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California is far from meeting its 2011 goal of having 75 percent of its solid waste recycled or composted by 2020, but coming legislation may help jump-start the process.

California recycles, composts or burns for energy about 50 percent of its waste, compared with a nationwide rate of 36.6 percent, according to a Columbia University Earth Engineering Center report.

The state's 75 percent policy goal is more to encourage further improvement than due to an immediate landfill need.

At current trash rates, California has enough landfill space permitted until 2057, according to the state's Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle). But if California makes its goal to source-reduce, recycle or compost 75 percent of what would have been trash, that same space will last until 2080.

The 2011 bill that set the 75 percent recycling goal required all businesses that produce more than 4 cubic yards of waste a week to set up recycling services. It also requires all multifamily residences with five or more units to set up recycling.

But having a recycling bin doesn't necessarily mean businesses separate their recyclables well.

Nearly a third of everything thrown into California landfills -- 32.4 percent, according to a 2008 CalRecycle study -- is organic waste.

That is why new legislation would require businesses, governments and apartment complexes to set up

composting or anaerobic digestion services that turn organic waste into fuel. The law would go into effect in 2019 (Emily Donovan, Palm Springs Desert Sun). -- **BTP**

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